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WHEREAS, the Act is potentially a powerful tool for the conservation of nongame fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that State conservation plans be developed, approved, and implemented without delay, both because of the urgent conservation needs of nongame fish and wildlife and because of the diminishing share of Federal support prescribed by the Act over the next decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that the Administration submit to the Congress a fiscal year 1983 budget request for the full five million dollars authorized under the Act.

Resolution No. 5

Foreign Animal Disease Protection Through U.S. Customs Service

WHEREAS, both wildlife and domestic livestock interests of the United States are becoming increasingly vulnerable to numerous devastating foreign animal diseases, e.g., foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, and exotic Newcastle disease that can wreak havoc to these and many associated industries; and

WHEREAS, the most likely source of introduction of foreign animal diseases is through illegal importation of infected meat, semen, vaccines, hides, and diseased birds, and whereas tons of potentially disease-laden contraband are confiscated annually by officers of the U.S. Customs Service; and

WHEREAS, ever-accelerating numbers of tourists and travelers nevertheless register protest against minor inconvenience associated with required baggage inspection by U.S. Customs Service officers at international airports throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in response to such complaints, the office of Management and Budget is bringing pressure on the U.S. Department of the Treasury to further relax restrictions on baggage inspection which, if effected, could open the way for entry of increasing amounts of dangerous products into this country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the Congress of the United States to take measures to prevent relaxation of such stringent restrictions against indiscriminate introduction of potentially dangerous plant and animal products before the entire populace of this nation has to pay an awesome price for lack of foresight and gross negligence in this respect.

Resolution No. 6

Recognition of National Rifle Association For Hunter Education Efforts

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association of America inaugurated the first hunter safety training program through NRA Clubs for the State of

New York in 1949, followed by initiation of similar programs in California, New Jersey, and other states, and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association developed the first student and instructor manuals, with the help of the National Education Association in 1950; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association instituted a uniform hunter casualty report; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association, in cooperation with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, established an annual award in 1956 for the state or province with the best hunter safety program; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association established an annual hunter safety coordinators' workshop in 1966, and has supported the North American Association of Hunter Safety Coordinators since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association has handled all the logistic work for the annual awards by the IAFWA Hunter Education Committee since 1956; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association developed, initiated, and sponsored the Hunter Education Academy concept for both coordinators and instructors in 1980;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies hereby recognizes these outstanding and continuing contributions by the National Rifle Association of America to the current hunter education efforts in North America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of the IAFWA is hereby instructed to present a framed copy of this resolution to the National Rifle Association of America on a mutually acceptable date.

Resolution No. 7

International Convention Advisory Commission Under The Endangered Species Act

WHEREAS, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) requires each Party nation to have a Scientific Authority and a Management Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act, as amended, established the International Convention Advisory Commission (ICAC) to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on all matters pertaining to the responsibilities of the Scientific Authority under the terms of the Convention; and

WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that ICAC has fostered recommendations and policies inconsistent with sound wildlife and fisheries management practices; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act will be subject to reauthorization by the Congress in 1982;